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- Rebuilding our Diplomatic and Development Capacity to meet 21st Century Requirements;

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Assisting Frontline States, Combating Terrorism and Narcotics, and other National Security Priorities;

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Ensuring Effective Oversight of Assistance Programs and Diplomatic/Development Operations; and

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Responding to HIV/AIDS, Poverty, Food Security, Education, Humanitarian Crises, Climate Change, and Other Global Challenges.

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